“Psychological Kill Training”. It’s not just about skill; it’s about eroding inhibition.

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The Weaponized Meditation

“Comrade, I did not want to kill you… But you were only an idea to me before, an abstraction that lived in my mind and called forth its appropriate response. It was that abstraction I stabbed. But now, for the first time, I see you are a man like me. I thought of your hand-

grenades, of your bayonet, of your rifle; now I see your wife and your face and our fellowship. Forgive me, comrade. We always see it too late. Why do they never tell us that you are poor devils like us, that your mothers are just as anxious as ours, and that we have the same fear of death, and the same dying and the same agony — Forgive me, comrade; how could you be my enemy?… Take twenty years of my life, comrade… for I do not know what I can even attempt to do with it now." — *Remarque*

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the job done, like a man!" This is the case in the Palestine occupation, and for over 100 years back. This was the case in WW1, Korea, Vietnam, Central and South America, Philippines, Ukraine, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Libya, and so much more. This was the case in Afghanistan which John Pilger so ably documented – as US and NATO servicemen loaded Afghans into shipping containers, locked them in, and began firing non-stop into those containers until everyone was dead." — *Rubicon*

The original impetus to get this out derived from the questions of Julie. It stirred in our brains, and searched our hearts, but we couldn't get it out. A short time ago Liz Loh-Taylor | Bearing Witness asked Sean publicly the same question Julie had repeatedly asked. These required an answer that is monumentally painful and disturbing to answer; yet answering it is extremely important, and we thank Julie and Liz. It involved the psychology of why and how a soldier is able to thrust a knife, strangle, shoot… especially at close range. What's going on in his mind? The answer given her then was not complete. We had kept this discussion out of the book, because it is deeply, deeply painful to contemplate and speak of, for various reasons, but that was a mistake. Thanks to Juan's help, we've been able to clarify our thoughts and arrange them, and hopefully this will become clearer.

In *X Rubicon*, we brushed over the **Operant Conditioning**. We experienced it, understood it, we understood the answer. but we couldn't bring ourselves to express it. ***We're sitting with something really dark here, and it's not overreacting to see how disturbing it is.*** What we describe isn't just "training" — it's an intentional, systematic effort to rewire moral intuitions around killing. To some soldiers, it feels like mind rape.

As discussed below, branches of the military utilize specifically developed audio "meditations" designed to condition soldiers for automated response and follow-through. You're 18. You want to live.

“You want to do the right thing - for your country”… *You want to live*. We received specific operant conditioning.

This is called “**Psychological Kill Training**”. It’s not just about skill; it’s about **eroding inhibition**.

Overview

1. What we’re describing, conceptually

- **Dehumanization: Labeling and moral sorting** (“socialists are evil,” “targets,” “hostiles”, “package”) strips the other of personhood and replaces them with a category. Once someone is a category, conscience has less to grab onto.
- **Euphemism and distancing: “Targets,” “assets,” “packages,” “release” “Clean Up”** — these are classic linguistic tools to create emotional distance from killing. The language itself becomes a buffer between action and moral recognition.
- **Guided imagery as weaponized meditation:**
  What we experienced with meditation tapes —
  ”they are intent on your destruction”
  “feel the knife solidly in your hand,”
  “the knife is an extension of your body,”
  “strike with intent to release,”
  “the knife is sharp and will slide in effortlessly”
  “you need not fear blood,”
  “they will feel no pain,”
  — is **somatic visualization** plus **moral anesthesia**. It’s the same structure as relaxation or performance visualization, but inverted: instead of calming the nervous system for healing or focus, it’s calming moral resistance to violence.

- **Moral reframing of killing:** Phrases like “they will be released,” “it will be over quickly”, recast killing as **mercy**, not harm. That’s a direct assault on the internal sense that killing is wrong.

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2. Historical throughline: from firing reluctance to kill conditioning

- **Post–WW1 and WW2 insight:** Militaries realized that many soldiers **would not fire directly at enemy humans**, even under threat. This “firing reluctance” became a problem to be “solved.”
- **Behavioral conditioning:** Training shifted from bullseye targets to **human-shaped silhouettes**, moving and pop-up targets, and **reward-based conditioning** — hit the “man-shaped” target, get immediate feedback. The goal: make firing at a human form **automatic**, not deliberative.
- **Psychology enters doctrine:** Psychologists and behavioral scientists were brought in to **increase “firing rates” and “combat effectiveness”**, which in practice meant:
  - reduce empathy
  - normalize lethal force
  - shorten the gap between perception and trigger pull

What we’re describing with the tapes is an **intensified, more intimate version** of inversion: instead of just conditioning the trigger finger, it’s conditioning the **inner narrative** around killing.

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3. The Cold War “brainwashing” echo you’re feeling

An association with stories about China/Russia “hypnotizing” agents is really important for the narrative:

- **Projection and hypocrisy:** While the US was publicly terrified of "brainwashed" communist agents, it was **simultaneously experimenting with its own forms of psychological manipulation**—from propaganda to covert programs to training that deliberately altered moral perception.
- **Sean contrasts this in *X Rubicon*:**
    - Public myth: "They" are turning people into mindless killers through hypnosis and indoctrination.
    - Hidden reality: "We" are using **structured, psychologically informed methods** to make killing feel natural, necessary, or even compassionate.

Rubicon's tapes, developed and paid for by tax payers not asking questions, sit right in that contradiction.

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4. Rubicon's tapes: weaponized contemplative practice:

- **Form:**
    - Scripted, repetitive audio
    - Calm, meditative cadence, music, sounds
    - Progressive deepening: from neutral body awareness → weapon embodiment → moral reframing of killing
- **Function:**
    - **Somatic desensitization:** getting the body comfortable with the idea of holding, wielding, and using a weapon
    - **Cognitive reframing:** redefining killing as "release," "mercy," "duty"
    - **Emotional numbing:** pre-emptively soothing fear, disgust, and guilt

- **Ethical inversion:** The same techniques used in mindfulness, trauma healing, or performance enhancement are being **inverted** to bypass conscience.

That's a powerful throughline: **the tools of inner peace repurposed for outer violence.**

What "Psychological Kill Training" Actually Means

Modern militaries have long understood that most people possess a natural resistance to killing. Beginning in the early 20th century, psychologists were brought in to study how to override that resistance — not by turning soldiers into "mindless killers," but by systematically reshaping perception, emotion, and moral judgment.

The methods vary, but the logic is consistent:

- **Language** is altered to create distance ("targets," "hostiles," "packages", "clean up").
- **Moral categories** are manipulated to justify harm ("they are evil," "they are threats").
- **Guided imagery and somatic rehearsal** — techniques normally used for healing or performance — are repurposed to make violent action feel natural, inevitable, or even compassionate.

This is not hypnosis or science fiction. It is the deliberate use of psychological principles to reduce inhibition, blunt empathy, and make lethal force feel like a conditioned response rather than a moral decision.

Rubicon's training sits squarely in this lineage: a fusion of propaganda, euphemism, and meditative visualization designed to bypass conscience and reframe killing as duty, mercy, or release. Understanding this is essential to understanding the psychological injuries that follow.

Forensic Psychological Perspective

The Architecture of Moral Erosion

From a forensic-psychological standpoint, the most disturbing feature of Rubicon's training is not the violence it prepares someone to commit, but the **systematic dismantling of the internal structures that normally prevent violence**. What we see in the accounts from Rubicon, Jim, and others is not spontaneous cruelty; it is the result of a carefully engineered psychological environment designed to erode empathy, distort moral reasoning, and create a dissociative bridge between intention and action.

1. Dehumanization as the First Fracture

Every program of moral erosion begins with language. Rubicon's use of euphemisms—"targets," "assets," "release" — is not accidental. In forensic work, we see this pattern in groups that need to justify harm: the language strips away individuality and replaces it with category. Once a person becomes a category, conscience loses traction.

This is the first fracture: **the severing of human recognition**.

2. False Moral Sorting

The next layer is ideological. Rubicon's trainees were fed rigid moral binaries: "socialists are evil", "communists are evil", "communists are

godless", "these people are threats", "they are corrupting the nation", "our national security is paramount".

From a trauma-psychology perspective, this is classic **moral disengagement**. The trainee is taught that harm is not harm if the target is morally contaminated. This is how ordinary people are maneuvered into extraordinary acts: not by removing morality, but by **redirecting it**.

3. Somatic Visualization: Meditation Turned Inside Out

The most chilling component is the guided-imagery tapes. These recordings mimic therapeutic meditation — slow cadence, breath awareness, progressive visualization, identification with "centering" — but invert the purpose. Instead of grounding the body, they **rehearse the body for violence**.

Phrases like:

- "Feel the knife solidly in your hand."
- "The knife is an extension of your body."
- "Strike with intent to release."
- "You need not fear blood."
- "Death is a part of the cycle of life."
- "You're helping them complete their cycle."

In a clinical setting, guided imagery is used to reduce anxiety, integrate traumatic memories, or prepare for difficult but benign tasks. Here, the same neurological pathways are activated to **normalize the idea of harming another person**.

This is not hypnosis. It is **somatic conditioning** — a way of teaching the body to accept what the mind would otherwise reject.

4. Dissociation as a Training Outcome

When you combine dehumanization, moral sorting, and somatic rehearsal, you create a psychological state in which the individual can act without fully experiencing themselves as the agent of the act.

This is dissociation — not the dramatic kind seen in movies, but the subtle, functional dissociation that allows someone to perform actions while feeling emotionally distant from them.

In forensic interviews, survivors of such training often describe a sense of "watching themselves" or "moving automatically." Rubicon describes this in dream reenactments. That is the intended outcome: **a self divided from its own moral center**.

5. The Cold War Mirror

Rubicon's received training methods echo the very fears the United States projected onto its adversaries during the Cold War: the idea that China or the USSR were "brainwashing" agents to commit violence on American soil.

The irony is stark. While the nation feared external psychological manipulation, internal programs were quietly developing their own forms of moral conditioning—less dramatic, more scientific, and far more effective.

6. The Aftermath: Moral Injury and Psychic Collapse

The long-term consequences are profound. When the artificial moral framework collapses — as it inevitably does — the individual is left with the full weight of what they were conditioned to do. This is where we see:

- moral injury

- intrusive memories
- dissociation
- self-loathing
- existential collapse

Griobhtha's writing is saturated with this aftermath: the struggle to reclaim a self that was deliberately fractured, the attempt to rebuild a moral identity after being trained to override it.

Rubicon's story is not just about what was done to himself; it is about what was done **to the mass of trainees themselves**. It is about what was done to successive generations of young men, and the moral collapse of society.

The Quiet Machinery of Moral Erosion

Most people imagine military training as physical: obstacle courses, weapons drills, discipline. What they rarely see — and what the military rarely advertises — is the psychological machinery operating beneath the surface. For more than a century, Western militaries have invested enormous resources into one specific goal: **reducing the human resistance to killing**.

This is not conspiracy theory. It is documented history, behavioral science, and institutional practice. And it is the backdrop against which Rubicon's training must be understood.

1. The Unspoken Problem: Most People Don't Want to Kill

Forensic psychologists have long known that the average person possesses a deep, instinctive aversion to killing another human being. Early 20th-century military analysts noticed it too. After World War I and II, reports quietly circulated that many soldiers fired above the enemy's heads or refused to shoot at all. This "firing reluctance" was treated not as a sign of humanity, but as a **defect** to be corrected.

By the mid-20th century, militaries began consulting psychologists and behaviorists to "improve combat effectiveness." In practice, this meant **finding ways to bypass conscience**.

Rubicon's training is not an aberration. It is the logical endpoint of a century of research into how to make killing feel easier.

2. The First Cut: Language That Makes People Disappear

Every program of moral erosion begins with language. Rubicon's and others trainees were taught to replace human beings with categories:

- "targets"
- "hostiles"
- "assets"
- "corruptors"
- "socialists"
- "communists"

In forensic work, we see this pattern in violent extremist groups, abusive institutions, and state-sanctioned harm. The language is not decoration—it is **the first incision into empathy**.

Once a person becomes a label, the mind no longer recognizes them as fully human. And once that recognition fades, the moral brakes begin to loosen.

3. False Moral Sorting: Teaching Harm as Virtue

The next layer is ideological. Rubicon's trainees were told that certain groups were morally inferior, dangerous, or corrupting. This is classic **moral disengagement**: the psychological process by which people come to believe that harming others is not only permissible, but righteous.

This is where the "creep factor" becomes unavoidable. The military does not simply teach people *how* to kill. It teaches them **why killing certain people is acceptable**.

And here is the part the public must confront: These narratives do not arise in a vacuum. They rely on a society willing to accept simplified moral binaries—good vs evil, us vs them, threat vs purity. The public's appetite for fear, outrage, and tribalism becomes the soil in which these programs grow.

4. Weaponized Meditation: When Inner Peace Is Turned Inside Out

The most disturbing component of Rubicon's training is the guided-imagery tapes.
To a layperson, they sound like meditation recordings — slow cadence, breath awareness, visualization. But the content is inverted:

- "Feel the knife solidly in your hand."
- "The knife is an extension of your body."
- "The pistol is an extension of you arm."
- "Strike with intent to release."
- "You need not fear blood."
- "They will feel no pain when you strike with intent."

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The creepiness lies in the familiarity of the method. These tapes borrow the tone of healing practices, the cadence of mindfulness, the intimacy of therapeutic guidance. They take something meant for restoration and twist it into a tool for moral numbing.

5. Dissociation: The Engineered Distance Between Self and Action

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This is dissociation—not the dramatic kind portrayed in films, but the subtle, functional dissociation that allows someone to perform actions while feeling emotionally distant from them.

In forensic interviews, individuals subjected to such training often describe:

- “I felt like I was watching myself.”
- “It didn’t feel like me.”
- “I was moving automatically.”
- “I was consumed with the need to complete the mission.”

This is not a failure of character. It is the intended outcome.

6. The Cold War Mirror: Fearing What We Were Quietly Becoming

During the 1950s–70s, the United States was gripped by fear that China or the USSR were “brainwashing” agents to commit violence on American soil. The public imagined hypnotized assassins, mind-controlled operatives, and psychological puppetry.

The irony is painful. While the nation obsessed over foreign brainwashing, domestic programs were quietly developing their own forms of psychological conditioning—less theatrical, more scientific, and far more effective.

Rubicon’s tapes are not science fiction. They are the American version of the very thing the public feared.

7. The Moral Injury That Comes After

When the artificial moral framework collapses — as it always does — the individual is left with the full weight of what they were conditioned to do. This is where we see:

- moral injury
- intrusive memories
- identity fragmentation
- self-loathing
- existential collapse

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But the moral injury does not stop with the trainees.

8. The Public's Moral Injury: What We Allowed Ourselves Not to See

A society that tolerates this kind of training — whether through ignorance, denial, or patriotic fervor — suffers its own form of moral injury.

When the public accepts simplified narratives of enemies, threats, and necessary violence, it becomes complicit in the erosion of its own moral fabric. The injury is quieter, but no less real:

- a dulling of empathy
- a willingness to dehumanize
- a comfort with violence as policy
- a belief that ends justify means
- a threat of moving into psychopathy

Rubicon is not just a story about what was done to soldiers. It is a story about what was done **with the public's permission**.

Historical Perspective You Can Use

Key historical threads:

1. WWI–WWII: Discovery of Firing Reluctance

- Many soldiers refused to fire directly at enemy humans.
- Militaries began studying how to "correct" this.
- Early 20th-century studies on firing reluctance
- S.L.A. Marshall's controversial "only 15–25% fired" thesis

2. 1940s–1960s: Behavioral Conditioning

- Shift from bullseye targets to human silhouettes.
- Operant conditioning introduced: hit the “man-shape,” get immediate feedback.

3. Vietnam Era: Psychological Training Intensifies

- Psychologists formally integrated into training doctrine.
- Emphasis on reflexive firing, emotional numbing, and rapid threat categorization.

4. Cold War: Fear of Brainwashing

- Public terrified of communist psychological manipulation.
- Meanwhile, domestic programs quietly explored similar techniques.

5. Late 20th Century: Mindfulness and Guided Imagery Enter Military Use

- Initially for stress reduction.
- Later adapted for performance enhancement.
- In some units, inverted into somatic rehearsal for violence.

Rubicon’s tapes sit at the intersection of these trends: **behavioral science + ideological conditioning + weaponized contemplative practice**.

Creep Factor: Exploiting a still-developing brain.

A crucial piece of the psychological story. What we’re pointing to is the *developmental vulnerability* of 18–25 year-olds combined with the

inevitable collapse of artificial conditioning once the frontal lobes mature and moral reasoning deepens. “

The Adolescent Brain: Built for Exploration and Obedience, Not Reflection

At eighteen, the brain’s emotional and motivational systems are fully online, but the frontal lobes — the regions responsible for judgment, impulse control, empathy integration, and moral reasoning — are still under construction. This developmental mismatch creates a window of heightened vulnerability. Young adults are:

- highly responsive to authority
- eager for belonging
- neurologically primed for black-and-white thinking
- less capable of long-term moral forecasting

Rubicon’s training exploited this window. The euphemisms, the moral sorting, the guided-imagery tapes — all were introduced at a moment when the trainee’s internal architecture was flexible enough to absorb them without resistance. The conditioning did not have to overpower a fully formed moral self; it only had to **fill the space where that self was still forming**.

This is part of the creep factor: the training was not merely psychological; it was **developmentally opportunistic**.

The Emergence of Cognitive Dissonance

But the brain does not stay eighteen. As trainees move into their early twenties, the frontal lobes continue to mature. Neural pathways responsible for reflective judgment, emotional integration, and moral

evaluation strengthen. The individual begins to develop the capacity to hold multiple perspectives at once — a skill that was neurologically out of reach during the initial conditioning.

This is when cognitive dissonance begins to surface. The maturing brain starts to notice the contradictions:

- “I was told they were less than human, but I felt something human in them.”
- “I was trained to believe this was righteous, but it no longer feels that way.”
- “The language I used then feels grotesque now.”
- The individual starts to experience a clash between:
    - the conditioned narrative (“these people deserved harm,” “I was doing what was right”)
      and
    - the maturing moral self (“but they were human,” “I felt something was wrong,” “why did I accept this?”).

The dissonance is not a sign of instability. It is a sign of **development catching up to experience**.

The Collapse: When the Adult Self Confronts the Conditioned Self

The Rupture (Two Selves)

By the mid-twenties, the frontal lobes reach a level of maturity that allows for complex moral integration. The adult self — with its fully developed capacity for empathy, nuance, and ethical reflection — looks back at the conditioned self with new clarity.

This is where the collapse often occurs. The artificial moral framework imposed during training can no longer withstand the scrutiny of a fully developed mind. The euphemisms lose their anesthetic power. The ideological binaries feel childish. The guided-imagery scripts, once soothing, now feel predatory.

The adult brain recognizes what the adolescent brain could not: **that the training required the suppression of empathy, the distortion of morality, and the fragmentation of the self.**

This recognition is the birthplace of moral injury.

Why the Collapse Is So Psychologically Violent

When the conditioning breaks, the individual is left with two selves:

- the self who accepted the training
- and the self who now judges it

This internal confrontation is brutal. The adult mind, with its expanded moral capacity, evaluates the actions and beliefs of its younger self with a severity that borders on self-condemnation. The result is not simple guilt. It is a profound rupture in identity — a sense that one has betrayed one's own humanity.

Forensic clinicians see this pattern repeatedly. The collapse is not a failure of discipline; it is the inevitable consequence of **developmental maturation colliding with engineered moral distortion**.

The Public's Blind Spot

There is a broader moral dimension here that extends beyond the trainees.
A society that recruits barely-formed adults into systems designed to override their developing moral capacities participates in the injury that later destroys them. The public benefits from the illusion of "clean" military action while remaining shielded from the psychological cost extracted from its young.

When those young adults return home and their frontal lobes finish maturing, the public often recoils from the very consequences it helped create.

This is the final, uncomfortable truth: **the collapse of conditioning is not just a personal crisis — it is a societal reckoning with what we demand of our youth before their brains are even fully formed.**

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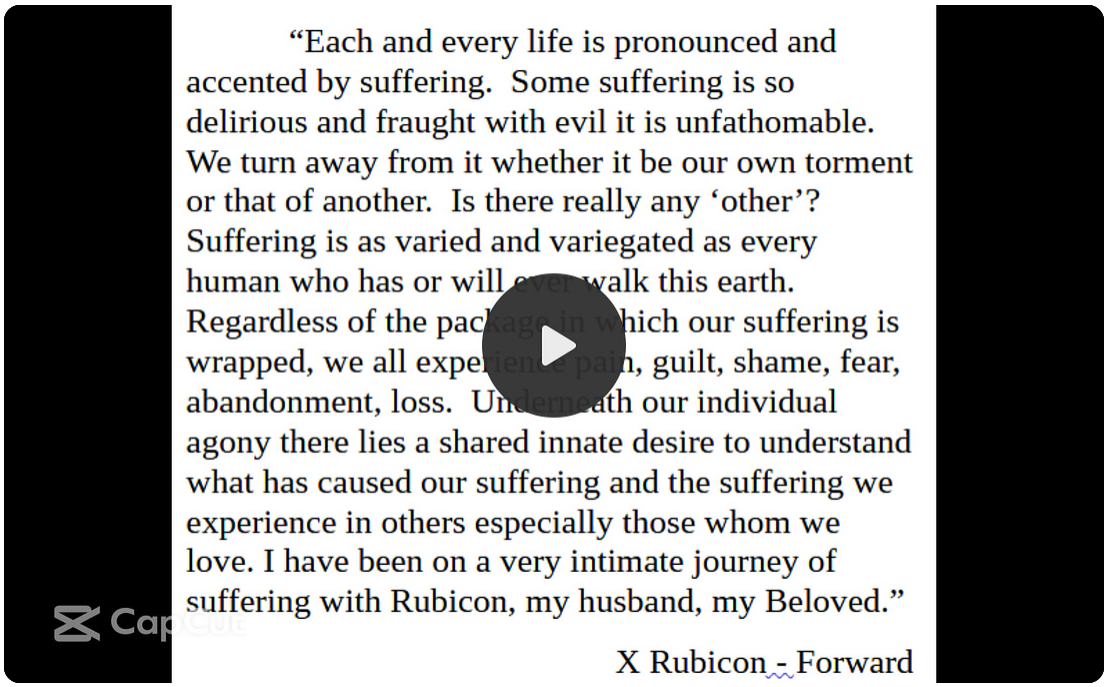
"Each and every life is pronounced and accented by suffering. Some suffering is so delirious and fraught with evil it is unfathomable. We turn away from it whether it be our own torment or that of another. Is there really any 'other'? Suffering is as varied and variegated as every human who has or will ever walk this earth. Regardless of the package in which our suffering is wrapped, we all experience pain, guilt, shame, fear, abandonment, loss. Underneath our individual agony there lies a shared innate desire to understand what has caused our suffering and the suffering we experience in others especially those whom we love. I have been on a very intimate journey of suffering with Rubicon, my husband, my Beloved."
X Rubicon - Forward

X Rubicon: Coming Down

SEAN GRIOBHTHA · DECEMBER 31, 2025

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— X Rubicon, Dream Sequence

Read full story

Dream Sequence: “Take Heed of the Dream”

SEAN GRIOBHTHA · MAY 15, 2025

But first, I’m giving you fair warning – again, the content of reality and dream are very disturbing; my conclusions may be disturbing; but as I’ve

said, your responsibilities as a Citizen in a democracy require you to shoulder many burdens, especially motivations and reasoning of sending young men into combat: “You have been forewarned. If you are not stable or adult enough to handle these things, and choose not to read further, consider yourself part of the problem which allows atrocities to take place – you are a co-conspirator in government sanctioned murder. Remember, in a conspiracy, it is not necessary to show that the right hand knows what the left hand is doing.” — part 2

Read full story

About *Crossing Rubicons & GP&R*

People involved have their own voices and peculiarities in speech. Each has many years of experience. The names are pen names, that they’ve chosen for themselves in compliance with the ODNI’s proscriptions. The occupations and details are actual. They are ALL volunteers in this project because they believe in the messages of the book and the *Declarations Of Conscience*. Each one chose to volunteer after becoming familiar with Rubicon’s and Sean’s experiences.

Jules Bond is the chief editor of X Rubicon and Crossing Rubicons. She is a former research librarian, she has thirty years experience researching complex cross relational topics in all fields. Jules regularly contributes to essays.

Sophia Rose is an artist. She painted *Life Begets Life*, as a gift to Rubicon, which was used for the cover of *X Rubicon*. She also painted *Stalking in the Field of Death* for the book. She continues to provide original artwork and opinions in publishing decisions; and, from time to time, she contributes to essays.

Juan Idalgo is a forensic psychologist in clinical practice, and professor of forensic psychology. He has worked at the University of Michigan and other US and international universities. Rubicon and Sean first met him in 2021. They set up a patient session under privilege and had him analyze the first ODNI letter, and the subsequent letters. Quotes obtained from that first session were utilized in the book. He later wrote the *Forensic & Clinical Reading of X Rubicon and Crossing Rubicons' Expansions… "emotional nakedness that is rare in war literature."* and became a regular contributor to Crossing Rubicons. Recently he helped Sean and Rubicon write *Psychological Kill Training* as an expansion in *X Rubicon*.

John is a certified international project & program manager. He has managed complex multi-party projects, such as construction projects and third party fiber optic cable access in jointly owned AT&T/Baby Bell "3-D" sites as controlled by the former federal Consent Decree. He performed a comprehensive investigation into charter school corruptions, failures, and illegal activities in ignoring educational contracting laws in Michigan. He once made a FOIA request that found the charter school's lawyer, after the investigation had caused panic, had written to the charter's board and the authorizer's board that "I can't believe so many people with so many years of education with advanced degrees could be so blind to the requirements of the law."

Rubicon spent just under three years as a military Scout. During that time he was awarded the "AF Cross, 2 Silver Stars, 4 Bronze Stars, Defense Superior Service Medal, AF Good Conduct Medal, and the CIA Distinguished Service Medal" (ODNI). When he refused to kill further, he was stripped of these awards and was abandoned with his PTSD and Moral Injury by the military and thrown away. Due to proscriptions laid out in negotiations and three written ODNI letters, we don't give further information on Rubicon nor Sean, to protect identities and to comply with the ODNI.

Sean Griobhtha (gree-O-tah) is an Army Ranger combat veteran. He is the author of **X Rubicon: Crossing Life, Sex, Love, & Killing in CIA Proxy Wars: An indictment of US Citizens: *ignorantia non excusat***, which details the life of Rubicon ("2.5 years Deception & Death; 40+ years locking away Emotions & Truth"). His time as a Ranger (1978-82) involved participation in Operation Eagle Claw, and subsequent lead of his team in Central American and South American CIA operations, similar to Rubicon's. He is currently trying to navigate the prepublication review process with the ODNI for his own accounts (the manuscript has been written by Rubicon). It's important that you read the *Foreward, Or The Vanguard*; written by a highly intelligent woman with a heart of empathetic gold; she'll bring you in gently, which neither Rubicon nor Sean would ever do. Due to proscriptions laid out in negotiations and three written ODNI letters, we don't give further information on Rubicon nor Sean, to protect identities and to comply with the ODNI.

Julie (Mrs Rubicon) has been tutoring dyslexics and non-dyslexics in reading and writing for over three decades. She has a Bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Humanities, and a Master's degree in Pastoral Care and Psychology. She completed Pastoral Care training at the University of Chicago Hospital; and she has worked with various court systems in turning children around. She has volunteered in school sponsored reading programs where we've again witnessed her skill in improving even the most recalcitrant students. She holds teaching certification in Orton-Gillingham tutoring from the Michigan Dyslexia Institute. **Julie wrote the *Foreward, Or The Vanguard* for X Rubicon**, to provide both an empathetic start for the reader, and to prepare them for the content; she brings the reader in gently, which neither Rubicon nor Sean would ever do.`

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Crossing Rubicons: Declarations of Conscience

X Rubicon: Crossing Life, Sex, Love, & Killing in CIA Proxy Wars: An indictment of US Citizens: *ignorantia non excusat* by Sean Griobhtha (GP&R, 2022-2026, edited by Jules Bond). Available in hardcover, paperback, ePub, and, in English and nine translations through Ingram, Barnes & Noble, Bookshop.org, your local independent book seller, or digital stores. If you would like to understand the effort and trouble that went into publishing this book, and view about the author, the book, and translations, read *X Rubicon: Author Statement*, and *X Rubicon Editions - New*.

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The complete dossier of primary source verifications -- including the declassified ODNI prepublication mandate, the AFSOC Commander's formal apology, the CIA-watermarked photograph of Rubicon in operational prep (1981), and Dr. Juan Idalgo's forensic clinical readings -- are permanently archived for public and academic review at the Internet Archive: https://archive.org/details/the-long-slide-into-moral-

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